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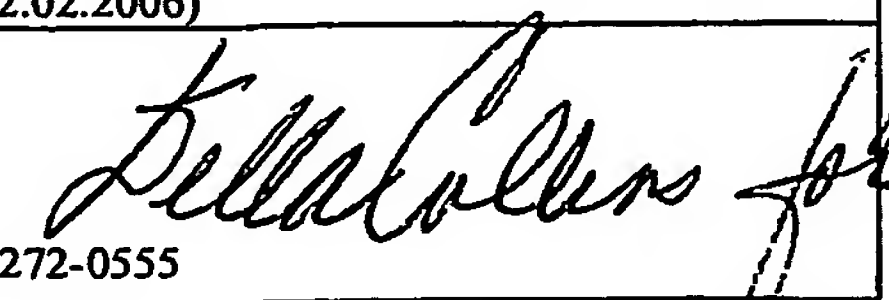
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-71 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages 72-89 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1-9B as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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International
PCT/US04/33151**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-106</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>none</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-106</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-106</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-106 meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(2) as the prior art fails to teach each limitation of the present claims.

Claims 1-106 fail to meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(3) as lacking an inventive step over the prior art. Bond teaches the administration of carvedilol or nadolol, inverse agonists, in a murine model of asthma. All of the various categories of drugs, beta-2 selective adrenergic agonists, steroids, anticholinergics, xanthines, anti-IgE antibodies, leukotriene modifiers and phosphodiesterase IV inhibitors, are well established in the prior art as safe and effective in the treatment of pulmonary airway diseases. For example, Drechsel teaches the administration of steroids, anticholinergics and leukotriene antagonists for treating COPD or asthma. Therapy for pulmonary airway diseases with multiple agents is conventional.

Claims 1-106 meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(4) as they are directed to treating pulmonary airway diseases with multiple agents that were previously administered in the prior art.